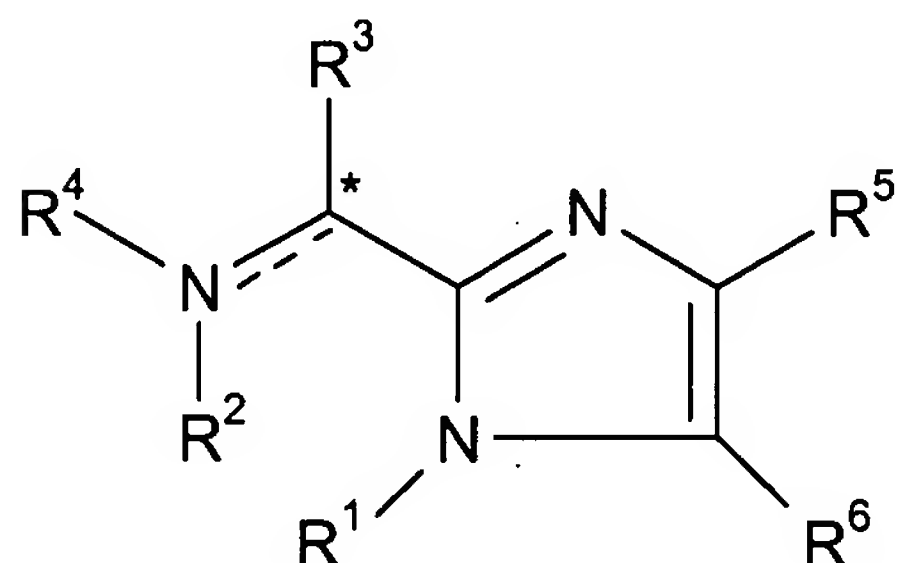


### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(Amendments are illustrated by showing deletions by ~~strike through~~ or ~~[[double bracketing]]~~ and additions by underlining)

1, Please replace the original Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

--The present invention is directed to imidazolyl derivatives or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof which are useful as agonists or antagonists of somatostatin receptors,  
having the following formula (I),



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~~where wherein~~ the substituents are defined in the specification~~[[,]] which are useful as agonists or antagonists of somatostatin receptors.--~~